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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	440	Median Age of Population (1980)	32.6
Estimated Population (1984)	199,199	% Population Urban (1980)	75.9
Population per Square Mile (1984)	453	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$10,734
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 2.6	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	7.7
Projected Population (1990)	193,129	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	14.9
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 5.5	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	11.6

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	199,199	96,358	102,841	35-44	23,954	11,560	12,394
0-4	13,794	7,068	6,726	45-54	21,463	10,220	11,243
5-14	27,571	14,129	13,442	55-64	23,718	11,248	12,470
15-24	30,074	15,470	14,604	65+	27,200	11,329	15,871
25-34	31,425	15,334	16,091				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,290	Number of Divorces	500
Rate per 1,000 Population	6.5	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.5
Median Age of Bride	24	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	2,356
Rate per 1,000 Population	11.8
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	7.1

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	2,356	100.0	30-34	402	17.1
UNDER 15	3	0.1	35-39	98	4.2
15-19	243	10.2	40-44	14	0.6
20-24	730	31.0	45+	0	—
25-29	866	36.8	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea		147	Meningitis:	Aseptic	12	Salmonellosis	37
Hepatitis:	Type A	7	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	0	Shigellosis	0
Hepatitis:	Type B	16	Mumps		2	Syphilis	0
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	1	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	2
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	4					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	1,977	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	35
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.9	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	14.9
Median Age at Death	72.9	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	13

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	810	41.0	Perinatal Conditions	22	59.5	Accidents, All Forms	15	62.5
Cancer	467	23.6	Congenital Anomalies	7	18.9	Pneumonia and Influenza	2	8.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	153	7.7	Accidents, All Forms	2	5.4	Suicide	2	8.3
Accidents, All Forms	65	3.3						
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	59	3.0						
All Other	423	21.4	All Other	6	16.2	All Other	5	20.8
TOTAL	1,977	100.0	TOTAL	37	100.0	TOTAL	24	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	16	23.5	Heart Disease	159	38.9	Heart Disease	635	44.1
Heart Disease	15	22.1	Cancer	143	35.0	Cancer	310	21.5
Cancer	14	20.6	Cerebrovascular Disease	18	4.4	Cerebrovascular Disease	131	9.1
Suicide	7	10.3	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	15	3.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	44	3.1
			Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	10	2.4	Pneumonia and Influenza	41	2.8
All Other	16	23.5	All Other	64	15.6	All Other	278	19.3
TOTAL	68	100.0	TOTAL	409	100.0	TOTAL	1,439	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
3	2	1	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	2	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	2	Family Practice Center	1	Limited	0	General	1
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	1

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	1	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	676	3.4
Admissions	23,774	119.3

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	34	0.2
Admissions	514	2.6

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $219

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility [SNF]	2	1	1
Intermediate Care Facility [ICF]	1	0	0
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	2	2	2
TOTAL	5	3	3

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	317	11.7
Intermediate	585	21.5
Total [SNF + ICF]	902	33.2

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.2

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $60
Intermediate $52

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985]

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
9	1,308	257	959	92	46.8

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
2	2	0	0	4	1

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	332	Certified Paramedics I	44
Ambulance Providers	8	Certified Paramedics II	35

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 9

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	9	Autism	6	Muscular Dystrophy	6
Cerebral Palsy	7	Learning Disabilities	6	Other	7
Epilepsy	7	Multiple Sclerosis	5		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 0

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 27